

# BFE&T Unique in the Nation

- Only program in the nation at scale statewide
- Fundamentally different approach to program; used to meet skill needs of SNAP recipients
- Significantly leverages non-federal investment
- Extremely data rich

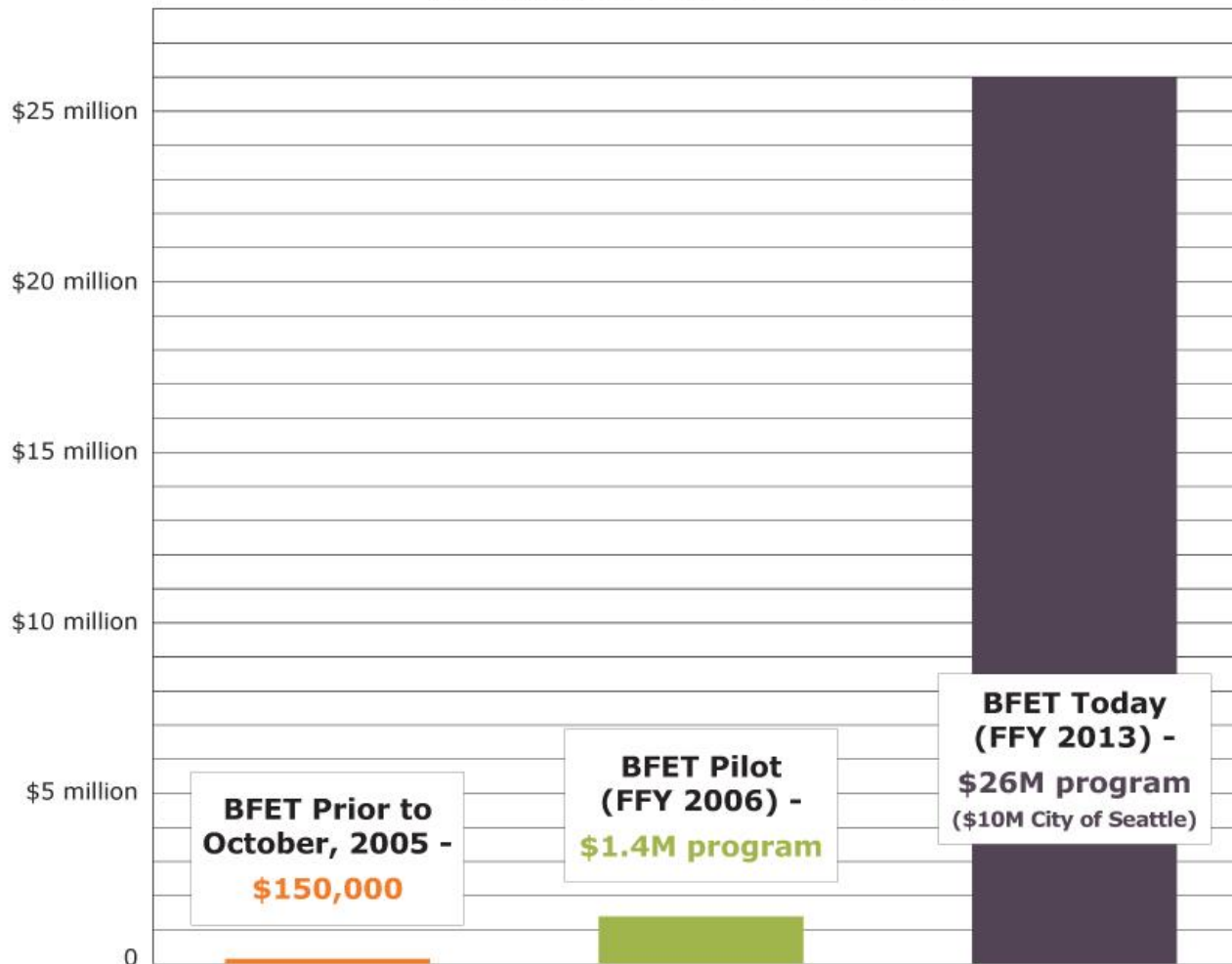


# WA State Plays Key Role in SNAP E&T Policy Conversations

- **2008:** Key changes to E&T program in Farm Bill surfaced through King County pilot
- **2009-2010:** Educate USDA/FNS about BFET
- **2011-2012:** SNAP E&T targeted for cuts (through budget and Farm Bill)



## Statewide BFET Growth



Statewide  
Number of  
Individuals  
Served

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**BFET Pilot  
(FFY 2006) -  
1,500**

**BFET Today  
(FFY 2012) -  
15,000+**

# Leveraging City Investment In SJI

- More than \$3M in federal dollars leveraged since FFY 2006
- More than \$700K expected to be leveraged this year (FFY 2013)
- More than 4,000 clients





Seattle Jobs  
Initiative  
Participant

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**Facility Service  
Coordinator,  
*Seattle  
Children's  
Hospital***

# FareStart: BFE&T Partner Since 2007

## Impact: 70% Capacity Growth

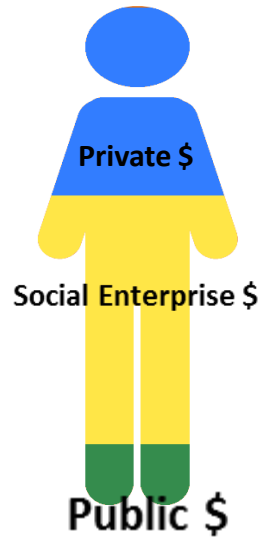


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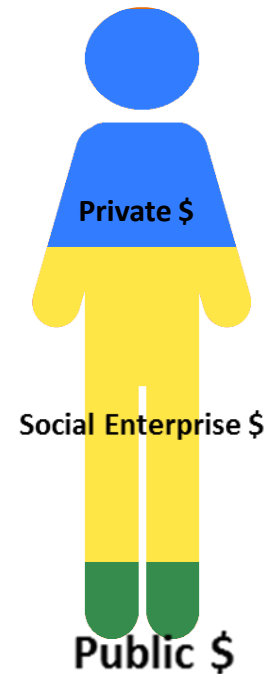
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*First FareStart BFET contract in October 2007 thanks to the referral and onboarding support of **Seattle Jobs Initiative***

**2007**  
**146 Enrolled**  
**Total Budget: \$4.3M**



**2012**  
**250 Enrolled**  
**Total Budget: \$8.2M**



*FareStart provides a community that transforms lives by empowering homeless and disadvantaged men, women, and families to achieve self-sufficiency through life skills, job training and employment in the food service industry*

# James: A FareStart and BFE&T Success Story



FARESTART

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**James** came to FareStart in December of 2011. At 33, James had been in and out of the criminal justice system since he was 13 and had recently spent 3 years in prison.

With a history of substance abuse, chronic illness, learning disabilities, limited work experience and no education beyond a GED, James faced few job options when he enrolled at FareStart.

James learned that the FareStart training program was hard work, but he kept trying, overcame obstacles and continued to progress. He graduated from FareStart in April 2012 after passing all the assessments that demonstrated his job skills.

James' personal transformation was remarkable, from a silent man who never smiled to a confident man who couldn't stop smiling - with pride in his accomplishments and hope for the future.

James was hired in July 2012 as a dishwasher at a Seattle restaurant and remains employed there. He was recently promoted to a cook position. James has some important goals: stay employed and continue to support himself, stay sober and reunite with his family.



# What's Next for SNAP E&T?

- Congress working on Farm Bill reauthorization now
- Lots of attention to E&T
- Interest in using data from BFE&T to demonstrate what program can do
- Reporting requirements based on BFE&T outcomes?
- Pilot program to encourage other states to potentially replicate BFE&T?

